

## Minutes for PTSO Meeting

October 5, 2010

Attending: Maureen Willoughby, Stephanie Taylor, Keith Lewandowski, Celeste Shelton Harris, Janet Ingersoll, Theresa Miller, Kim Kirshman, Anne Marie Fleming, Mary Beth Henry, Mo Moore, Sheila Labian, Pam Newhouse, Jennifer Gilmore, Kristi Eiden, Tim Brown, Julie Brown, Amber Morris, Heidi Traver, Jim Moiles, Joell Van Winkle, Renee Smith, Don Kitchen

1. Introductions Keith Lewandowski
2. Review and pass minutes from September
3. Financial Report from Theresa. Nothing to report Balance 7,442.76 in check book. Jewelry in Husky den a donation from Kim Kirshman.
4. Husky Den; Heidi is getting it up and running. Student volunteers for next month on Fridays.
5. Events: Guest author Gary Schmidt for 7<sup>th</sup> grade only. This takes place on Oct. 28.

All school party October 29

Janet Ingersoll is working with Barned and Noble for a fundraiser to be held on December 3. NMS may provide artwork and a band and possibly the choir. Anne Marie and Jennifer are going to help Janet on this event. A table will be set up at teacher conferences.

Parent teacher conferences are November 16 and 18.

Box Tops is going to be run by Kristi Eiden. She will promote the program and raise the awareness.

Red Ribbon week is October 25-29. PTSO voted to give Jim Moiles 250.00 to purchase wrist bands in support of saying no to drugs.

Mix it up day is November 9

Picture retakes is October 22. Renee Smith and Maureen Willoughby will help.

Website changes Julie Brown. Met with Andy Blackman. How to get information. Take inventory of what is on site. I will send email to people from this meeting so they can review site and get back to Julie. She is going to remove old information and update the contacts. She suggested having a laptop at conferences and in the media center for updating contact information.

School directory: Renee. Forms are due Wednesday. Cover contest is next week, Teachers to decide the winner. Directory out soon after that.

School administration; Celeste Harris. MiBlissi team met in Lansing. Teaching behavior and academics, they must go hand in hand. Office referrals are escalating; social networking is partially to blame. We have 613 students. 598 or 98% have 0 referrals. 13 students have 1-3 and 1 student has 4 or more. November 8<sup>th</sup> the Board of Education will hold their meeting at North Middle. All Volunteers in the school need to fill out a Human Resources form. These forms are located in the office. North Middle school is going to be 50 this year and we need ideas of how to celebrate.

Discussion on Bullying. Sheila Labian spoke on bullying in general. Dr Harris and Ms. Kirshman addressed the recent incident and said everything that could have been done was done. It was a lose lose situation all the way around. Much discussion followed. Portage Public school has a policy and formula for handling situations like this and spends a fair amount of time with students teaching them about bullying and how to handle it.

Adjourned.